Appl. No. 10/654,668 VIA EFS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed July 6, 2007, Applicant submits the following:

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

A. Generally

Claims 9-39 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-8 were previously canceled. No new matter has been added.

B. Related Prosecutions

This Office Action is directed to Application No. 10/654,668, which application claims priority from U.S. Patent 6,804,656 issued on October 12, 2004 (the "'656 Patent'"). The prosecution of the '656 Patent involved multiple reviews and a long list of references. The '656 Patent issued with claims 1-26.

In the Notice of Allowance mailed June 2, 2004, the examiner cited the following reasons for allowance of claims 30-55 (renumbered in the '656 Patent as claims 1-26):

The present invention comprises independent claims 30 and 46. These claims include the following features that distinguish Applicants' invention over the prior art: utilizing a remote command center in conjunction with a workstation, to monitor and if necessary intervene in the expert critical care of critically ill patients in a plurality of geographically dispersed intensive care units twenty-four hours a day seven days a week